Researching Human Rights Practices in the Middle East

VIRTUAL STUDENT FOREIGN SERVICE

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Project Title	Researching Human Rights Practices in the Middle East
Project Summary	Lend your hand to human rights in the Middle East and prove that the pen is indeed mightier than the sword. You will research, collect, and analyze information to highlight human rights practices in the region, and then compile that information into a searchable database.
Country	United States
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	DRL/NEA
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	10

Project Description

Participants in this program will contribute directly to the creation of the 2016 Human Rights Report. You will search for information and data on human rights practices in countries in the Middle East and North Africa. You will search, in English and/or Arabic/Kurdish/Hebrew/Farsi/French, for articles and reports that mention human rights abuses in MENA countries. Then you will analyze and compile the information into a searchable and comprehensive database for officers to use as they work on the reports.

Desired Skills Interests

Skill
Microsoft Excel
Google docs
Ability to determine veracity of information and trustworthiness of source
Understanding of Middle East Politics
Understanding of international human rights agreements

Additional Information

Make your mark! An understanding of international human rights agreements and Middle East politics would be very helpful. An understanding of the various human rights NGOs and public international organizations would also be helpful.

Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Arabic	Limited working proficiency	Limited working proficiency	Nice to Have
Persian-Farsi	Limited working proficiency	Limited working proficiency	Nice to Have
Kurdish	Limited working proficiency	Limited working proficiency	Nice to Have
Hebrew	Limited working proficiency	Limited working proficiency	Nice to Have